

**Art and Architectural Review Board  
Minutes  
April 1, 2016  
Virginia War Memorial  
621 S Belvidere Street  
Richmond, VA 23220**

**1.0 ADMINISTRATION**

- 10:00am      1.1      **CALL TO ORDER**  
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
- 1.2      **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.
- 1.3      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Motion: Mr. Bond**  
**Second: Ms. Tuten**  
**Recommend Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2016 AARB Meeting**
- 1.4      **OTHER BUSINESS**

**2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 10:10am      **Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.13.**  
**Motion: Mr. Bond**  
**Second: Mr. Pinnock**
- 2.1      **VDOT – Demolition of several buildings at the following locations:**  
**I-95 Northbound Caroline Safety Rest Area & Information Center, Caroline County, Virginia. I-95 Southbound Caroline Safety Rest Area & Information Center – Caroline County, Virginia. I-95 Southbound Greenville Safety Rest Area and Information Center - Greenville County, Virginia**
- 2.2      **VCCS – Northern Virginia CC – Demolition of Temporary Building. Manassas**
- 2.3      **VCU- Gladding Residence Center – Demolition. Monroe Park Campus**
- 2.4      **VDOT – Elizabeth River Downtown Tunnel – HVAC Renovation. Portsmouth**  
The two-story EIFS covered masonry building will be repaired and refinished in the original texture. The original steel windows with wired glass and glass block infill will be replaced with aluminum storefront with vertical mullions. Colors will match existing, except that the glass will now be tinted to help improve performance. The roofing portion of the project is to cover the fan openings permanently with a vented cover - area is not visible from the ground.

- 2.5 Virginia Military Institute – 307 Letcher Avenue. Lexington.**  
Construction of a sloped sidewalk and a concrete apron on the front porch.
- 2.6 Longwood University – Willet Hall Plaza. Farmville.**  
ADA improvements to buildings primary entrances, means of egress components and elevators.
- 2.7 Virginia State University – Chemical Storage Roof Replacement. Petersburg**  
Roof replacement and new HVAC equipment screen
- 2.8 Department of General Services – Dog Stations. Capitol Square**  
Prefabricated aluminum stations will match current Capitol Square paint color scheme and are designed to match the current aesthetic. Stations are approximately 4-1/2' tall and 17" wide. The color is "Capitol Square Green" and black with white text
- 2.9 Virginia Lottery – Generator enclosure to support New Data Center**  
Generator to be enclosed by a masonry enclosure, parged and painted the same color as the existing generator enclosure. HVAC heat rejection equipment to be enclosed by a separate masonry enclosure, parged and painted same color as the existing generator enclosure. Enclosures are both sited so neither one straddles the existing property line between the two existing structures (building & parking deck).
- 2.10 VCU – Rice Rivers Entrance Sign. Charles City**  
Install new identification signage at the main entrance to the Rice Center off of J.T. Memorial Highway (Route 5). The simple form, size and color are intended to be subtle and unobtrusive. The sign material is 2" depth aluminum, with welded edges, painted all sides.
- 2.11 ~~UVA – Darden School of Business – Window Addition. Charlottesville.~~**  
~~Project will add 29 new double hung sash windows on the west façade of the Classroom Building at Darden. The Classroom Building is a three-story brick masonry structure designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects as one of the distinct pavilions on Darden Grounds.~~
- 2.12 VCCS – Blue Ridge Community College – Parking Garage. Weyers Cave.**  
Previously submitted on February 5, 2016 with the following comments:  
Reconsider colors of precast. Consider adding trees and parking islands to parking lot area at top level of deck. Add street trees along roadway where possible, matching campus standards. Reconsider colors proposed for precast – look at reversing the colors selected. Consider adding a fabricated green screen on precast surfaces to soften its appearance (full or partial). Conceptual approval subject to comments. Agency to return for final approval.  
Agency response to comments:

BRCC indicated that the colors selected work well with existing buildings and overall color scheme of the campus. The objective was not to make the east façade recede visually, but to make the structure low so as to not block views of other buildings from Route 11. Darker precast on the elevations would look too somber and bunker-like. Tree islands in the deck would create a structural problem with the added weight of wells and soil, as well as removing parking spaces. However, trees could be added along the west (Rt. 11) side of the top level. BRCC does not have a master landscaping plan. The proposed plantings are BRCC's preferred low maintenance species that are native to the area. Green screens can have detrimental effects to the garage if the plantings were to start to grow over the concrete spandrels. Woody root growth can penetrate joints resulting in structural damage. Additionally in their many years of experience, they have noted that most green screens cannot be properly maintained by the facilities personnel, and that the plantings either partially or completely die out, leaving only the undesirable appearance of screen wire and framing. The proposed plantings are indigenous to the Valley and the Campus, and that in lieu of green screens, we will add more plantings at the short ends of the garage (north and south elevations).

**2.13 VCCS – Virginia Western Community College – Replace Anderson Hall. Roanoke.**

**Previous submitted on August 7, November 6 and December 7, 2016.**

Comments from August 7th:

**Building is a unifying building. Consider landscape design to bring it all together and unify campus. Consider removing "STEM" signage from building. Consider removing punched window openings in vertical brick fields. Building has landed in the middle of campus - placement is a little awkward relative to organization of campus structures. Seeing the masterplan would be helpful. The intention of the roof is to be strong architectural statement. Board asks that agency bring campus masterplan, revised building elevations landscape masterplan and more information regarding the roof design intent. Motion: Mr. Pinnock Second: Mr. Bond Approval of conceptual design with comments. Agency to return with requested additional information.**

Agency response to comments:

Master Plan update in process. Concept attached to assist in understanding of desired campus development and landscape. VWCC desires to retain the "STEM" signage as a "placeholder" for the actual building signage (possibly reduced in size). It has been held, but its appearance altered from the previous presentation. Window openings in brick field have been reduced and regularized. Glazing may be moved to exterior face of wall if desired. Updated renderings, elevations, and roof element detail have been reviewed by Agency and are provided herein.

Comments from November 6th:

Anderson Hall demolition will be submitted separately. Board prefers silver/gray aluminum material rather than the orange or patina. Reconsider using STEM as part of signage on building. Final approval. Agency to submit

final colors to the Board and return if there are any significant changes. This approval excludes landscape approval which will be presented to the Board separately.

Agency response to comments:

A silver/gray aluminum material will replace the orange colored material shown on the previous rendering. An updated rendering has been attached for final approval. VWCC desires to retain the "STEM" signage as a "placeholder" for the actual building signage (for pricing purposes). Final signage will replace "STEM" most likely with the name of a donor.

No comments from board on December 7th submission. Final approval.

### **3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS**

#### **3.1 VMI - Davidson-Tucker House / Jackson House Orientation Center Renovation & Addition. Lexington.**

**Previously submitted on January 8, 2016 with the following comments:**

**Project requires DHR approval. Make new orientation center look more like an outbuilding rather than an addition to the Davidson Tucker House.**

**Options to consider include modifying the roof form, adding more space between the buildings, modify building materials and/or modify color palette. VMI to return for final approval.**

**Agency response to comments:** Agency will address comments at meeting.

**Motion: Mr. Pinnock**

**Second: Mr. Bond**

**Final approval.**

#### **3.2 College of William & Mary – West Utility Plant. Williamsburg.**

The use of brick, matching the campus color and pattern, glass, and zinc metal panel will complement the adjacent Small Hall and Adair Hall. The design of the exterior will wrap the new equipment in a brick and glass envelope allowing views into the facility in locations where the equipment and process provides an interesting and pleasing aesthetic. The alignment, scale, and massing of the proposed facility is taken from the context of the adjacent buildings.

**Comments: Consider adding educational placards describing function of equipment for passing pedestrians.**

**Motion: Mr. Bond**

**Second: Ms. Wilson**

**Final approval.**

#### **3.3 VCCS – Southside Virginia Community College – Technology, Innovation & Success Center. Brunswick County.**

The proposed design blends contemporary materials, colors, and forms with two brick colors which are a nod to the existing facilities. The

building entrance and associated canopy reach toward the entrance drive to clearly pronounce a campus front door and to define an outdoor space between the new facility and the adjacent structures. Conceptually, the proposed design is organized into two unequal levels. This organization allows spaces to be separated functionally and acoustically while yielding to the natural contours of the site. The result is a concept that adheres to the Master Plan, recognizes the scale of the existing structures and campus vernacular, and accommodates the needs of the program it contains.

**Comments: Agency to return with upgraded rendering that shows intended colors and relationship to adjacent existing buildings. Examples of how brick and paneling interact. Reduce lines/colors in paneling. Recommend simplifying canopy – make it “lighter” and less complicated. Remove brick base. Reconsider slope of primary entrance roof. Use of panel in façade should be an accent color.**

**\*Board did not vote on project. Agency to return.**

**3.4 DMV – Customer Service Center. James City County.**

The building currently has a 30' high single story with a partial basement and a mezzanine of catwalks to access and service the building's equipment. The footprint of the building is approximately 6,600 SF. A partial second (and possibly third) floor will be inserted, while maintaining some of the volume of the interior space. Typical to the building style, the building has a flat roof, symmetrical composition, and restrained zigzag articulation at corners and the top of the parapet wall. The program calls for 75 to 100 parking spaces depending on the final use of the building. Parking has been oriented at the rear corner of the site to provide access to the new north entrance. This location allows landscaping to be developed along the more highly visible east side of the site. A needed motorcycle training area is located in front of the previous ceremonial entrance on the south side of the building. Grading for this facility will flatten the mound of earth next to the road.

**Comments: Consider using existing large canopy area at side as a seating area.**

**Motion: Mr. Pinnock**

**Second: Mr. Mills**

**Conceptual approval. Agency to return with landscaping plan and new curtain wall materials/information.**

**3.5 VCU – Gladding Residence Center I & II Redevelopment. Monroe Park Campus.**

**Previously submitted January 8, 2016 with the following comments:**

**Take student pedestrian traffic and move-in traffic into consideration – perhaps adding a drop-off area in front of the building. Continue to study all facades, including use of materials, setbacks, articulation, detailing, etc. in order to reduce scale and mass of building, in particular, from its Main Street visibility. The prominent location of this building to the campus, Monroe Park and adjacent historic structure demands a quality building.**

**Conceptual approval. Agency to return for further conceptual discussion.**

Agency response to comments:

The design team has listened to the comments from the Board as well as met with the neighborhood leaders along with representatives from the surrounding institutions. The proposed residence hall incorporates these comments and responds to its relative importance within the campus of VCU and the City of Richmond. The open site at the corner of Pine and Cary streets has been programmed as an outdoor recreation area serving the residences. The future of this site is programmed to be additional housing and will be of a scale appropriate to the scale of the corner (similar to Gladding Residence Hall III). The primary building façade facing Monroe Park has been setback 32' to allow for a wider sidewalk and landscaping on the Main Street. This setback is strategically interrupted at the main entrance which has been extended towards the street and the entrance form extends to the top of the roof-line. This change works towards the goals of providing a hierarchy to the primary façade that emphasizes the entrance into the building and breaks-up the overall massing of the façade. Additionally, the setback between the entry tower to the Pine Street wing of the residence hall that is a backdrop to the Bathhouse has been setback an additional 30'+/- feet from the entrance. This creates a front yard area similar in scale to Brandt Hall on either side of the Bathhouse. The streetscape has been modified at the curb-line utilizing planting beds along the street to create physical barriers that will focus the pedestrians to go to the corners to cross the street. The only break in the beds occurs at the entrance drop-off location. The form has responded in scale from multiple perspectives. The views to the site are included in this submittal. In addition to the formal changes to the Main Street façade, the Pine and Laurel facades have been modified to add 9-story bays that protrude from the forms like bay-windows and the adjacent bays have been re-organized to reflect this move. The courtyard elevations feature the central tower massing flanked by a mass that extends above the primary roofline to reinforce the hierarchy of the public area massing in contrast to the residence.

**Comments: Consider widening drop off zone at Main Street or using fire lane at rear as a drop off/loading zone area – if possible move drop area off of Main Street. Consider a continuous treescape on Main street to edge of curb. Look at directing pedestrians from building entry to corner for safe crossing of street.**

**Motion: Mr. Mills**

**Second: Mr. Pinnock**

**Final approval**

- 3.6 VCU – School of Allied Health Professionals Building. Downtown Campus. Previously submitted on November 6, 2015 with the following comments: DHR will review the demolition request once the project is funded. Agency will bring proposed demolitions before the board. Consider maintenance concerns on canopy overhang. Adding a rooftop terrace would be a great amenity. Please keep in mind during the design phase that south east corner will get a lot of visual exposure – this elevation is critical. Board has concerns over the foot traffic access to site because the location is in a high**

**automobile traffic area. Agency plans to create an environment through design that accommodates pedestrian traffic. Conceptual approval.**

Agency response to comments:

The design team has incorporated the Boards comments and has revised the building trellis (canopy) reducing the overall size and orientation to improve maintenance while providing shading for the added roof terrace.

**Motion: Mr. Mills**

**Second: Mr. Bond**

**Final approval.**

#### **4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*Next AARB Meeting is Friday, May 6, 2016.**

#### **5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED**

**Minutes Approved as AARB**

**Advice and Counsel:**

 5/6/14

Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID

Date

Chairman

Art and Architectural Review Board

**Approved as the  
Governor's Designee:**



Christopher L. Beschler

Director,

Department of General Services

5-11-2014

Date

